

**Director's Report**  
**Friendship Free Library**  
**January 11, 2022**

○ **Old Business**

January 11<sup>th</sup> was our first science story hour. For now, we are trying it out once a month. I hope to have it every other Tuesday from 3-4 pm by the summer. Tyira made homemade lava lamps.

We have had steady attendance for the game club. They took off the last two weeks in December for the break.

○ **New Business**

During the director's meeting in December, Roxanne at the Fillmore library that the Southern Tier Health Care System is not only looking for a meeting place for telehealth sessions, they are looking for a two-year commitment. I emailed them about seeing when and if there is a deadline and I have not heard anything back. Kay sent me a list that her job has used for setting up sessions with STHC before and Roxanne sent us their list from Fillmore. I would like to have a vote about this because of the commitment required.

In the same meeting, Sheila from the Belfast library talked about a program they have been running. It's a subscription box program with a couple suggested books, tea, Chapstick, and other little items. Patrons sign up and will include a list of allergies so we know what to include with a box. Sheila is getting a video and graphic sheet together to send to anyone interested. I think this would be an excellent program. I'm also wondering if it can be adapted with QR codes so patrons can access Libby from home. I think it's a great idea.

Tina from Cuba suggested a website scavenger hunt, which also sounds promising. Patrons, especially younger patrons would go from website to website looking for a specific image and would fill out card to be turned into the library for a prize. I'm waiting on details.

I will now be ordering the Empire pass for use at state parks since it's a yearly subscription which renews at the first of the year, no matter when you purchase it. I'll be using the funds from the Mahoney memorial and will make a post reflecting that for social media.

I sent out an application for the Arts Council for Wyoming County (ACWC) Grant on the 7<sup>th</sup>. I am asking for just over \$3,000 for programming assistance. I am getting ready to send out additional requests about availability to the early programs to reserve a spot while we wait for funding. We can do the first two months of programming without the grant so if we do not receive everything we're asking for, that will be fine all around. They will make their decision in March.

STLS and the state will be supplying us with a set amount of COVID test kits and N95 masks that we will be distributing on a first come, first served basis. We will get them sometime this week. According to the Stueben County health department and STLS, a family can have up to 3 OTC tests per family and either 2 N95 masks per person or a box of 10 for a family.